

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

ELWELL, MI 48832
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
Docket No: A2011-0112
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

JOHN HUTCHINS, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the ELWELL post office. The Final Determination was posted 8 DEC 2011 (date).

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

I BELIEVE THAT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE ELWELL PO AND RIVERDALE PO WAS UNDERSTATED IN THE RECORD THERE BY CAUSING THE IMPACT TO BE JUDGED LESS THAN FACTUAL. THE ACTUAL TRAVEL DISTANCE IS 5.7 MILES. I BELIEVE THAT THE REMOVAL OF THE RURAL ROUTES NEGATIVELY IMPACTED THE ELWELL COMMUNITY AND THE INTERNAL OPERATION OF THE ELWELL PO. THIS ACTION WAS A QUASI-CLOSING (PARTIAL) BEFORE THIS CURRENT ACTION.

WAS INITIATED. THE RECORD USES DECLINING REVENUE AND ACTIVITY AS PART OF THE BASIS FOR THE DECISION TO CLOSE. OF COURSE THERE WILL BE A DECLINE AS A RESULT OF STRIPING THE ROUTES OUT BUT ~~THOSE~~ FIGURES SHOULD NOT BE USED (BEFORE / AFTER) COMPARISON AS JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE OFFICE

HOW CAN IT BE THAT AN INTENTIONALLY CAUSED DECLINE (ROUTE RENOVAL) BE USE AS JUSTIFICATION TO CLOSE BECAUSE OF A DECLINE?

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

John Anttila